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## FOND AFFECTION'S KISS.

Oh, when we give the fond embrace to her we hold most dear,  
 And catch the bright impassion'd look, which speaks the soul sincere,  
 There is a thrill of ecstasy, which nothing can outvie,  
 As we kiss the sweet and glowing lips, which breathe affection's sigh :  
 I've seen the monarch on his throne—his sceptre in his hand,  
 The diadem upon his brow, with hosts at his command ;  
 But wealth and pow'r can never give so exquisite a bliss,  
 As feels the sympathetic heart at *fond affection's kiss*.

I've fancied what the poet feels, when, wrapt in visions bright,  
 With nature he communion holds, within her halls of light ;  
 And soaring, like the seraphim, on rapture's painted wings,  
 He roves amid the gorgeous light of wild imaginings ;  
 But ah, the pleasure he may feel in moments such as this,  
 Is not so fervent as the joy of *fond affection's kiss*.

I saw the bard, from Nature's store, return with many a prize—  
 And as he came man greeted him with fond admiring eyes ;  
 And fame was loud to speak his worth, and all those pow'rs to tell,  
 Which, when he sang, enchain'd mankind in rapture's magic spell ;  
 But all the joy the minstrel feels, when praise is fairly his,  
 Gives not the fond transporting joy of *fond affection's kiss*.

I mark'd the holy patriot stand upon the gory plain ;  
 Around were strew'd in ghastly heaps the bodies of the slain ;  
 The tyrants of his native soil had fall'n beneath his pow'r,  
 And Freedom's sun had filled his land with glory from that hour ;  
 And the smile of gladden'd feeling, the exulting eye might trace,  
 As the hidden glory of his soul was pictur'd in his face ;  
 And I thought that nought could e'er excel the greatness of his bliss,  
 Except the thrilling joy that's felt at *fond affection's kiss*.

EDWARD.

THE LECTURE SYSTEM, AND INTELLECTUAL PHILOSOPHY  
OF SCOTLAND.\*

The Philosophy of Mind has long been a favourite Science with the Scottish Universities ; and to it, Scotland is probably indebted for the eminence which many of her sons have attained in the various walks of civil and political life. The Belfast Academical Institution, founded in many respects upon the model of the Scottish Universities, makes this branch of Philosophy a very important part of its course. Few studies seem better adapted to form the character of public and professional men. To statesmen and physicians, lawyers and divines, an acquaintance with the human mind is an acquisition of indispensable importance. In every well ordered system of education for such professions, mental philosophy should therefore occupy a very prominent place.

Nor can any branch of knowledge be better adapted to the mode of instruction that is most popular in North Britain, and forms the most peculiar feature, perhaps, of its collegiate system ; we mean that of teaching by lecture. The nature of the science is such as to afford ample scope for the display of eloquence in every possible variety of style.

\* Inquiries concerning the Intellectual Powers, and the Investigation of Truth. By John Abercrombie, M. D. Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, &c. and First Physician to his Majesty in Scotland. Edinburgh : Waugh and Innes—1830.